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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SE/PC/P&O

SUBJECT: QKEROIL Operation Plan for 1952

1. In compliance with the outline furnished by your office, the QKEROIL Operation Plan for 1952 is submitted herewith.

2. Goals. ^{Tasks (or Steps To be accomplished During)} Specific goals established for this year's operations are:

a. To recruit, train, and infiltrate, on exploratory missions, highly qualified agents, singly or in teams of up to four men.

b. To reinforce and speed up the present system of selection and recruitment of agent personnel in Europe.

c. To institute a covert propaganda program consisting principally of black broadcasts, but also including other PW media, for the purpose of bolstering the morale of the disheartened Rumanian people and preparing them psychologically for receiving and aiding our infiltrated agents.

d. To build up an operational staff in Istanbul, after Turkish Government approval of an operational base, capable of handling agent training, psychological warfare, operational planning and operations.

e. To continue efforts to establish a unified political grouping of Rumanian refugees to serve as cover and semi-covert support arm for operations.

3. Assets.

	Field		Headquarters	
	On Board	In Process	On Board	In Process
a. Staff Personnel	13	5	4	2
b. Contract Personnel	4	11		1
c. Contract Personnel cleared for field use but not contracted:	15.			

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d. Physical Facilities. Existing facilities which are available for project use are:

Training Personnel and areas in Germany.
ZRELOPE staff and facilities in Germany.
FW facilities in Athens.
Air Lift facilities, including air drop and operational equipment, in Athens.
Safe houses near operational air base in Athens.
Base facilities in Turkey:
(1) Covert office building in Istanbul.
(2) Office space in ☐ ☐ in Istanbul for personnel under ☐ ☐ cover.

e. Agents under our control) Agent in this sense is interpreted as infiltrated agent.
f. Agent Potential) The Project is still in the recruiting phase and at present there are no agents in training or inside the country.

4. Steps for the Immediate Future.

a. Recruiting. The most pressing need at the moment is for operational agents. The following steps are being taken to expedite the selection and recruitment of agent material.

(1) A QKEROIL case officer is being sent to Germany o/a 1 May to coordinate QKEROIL activities and especially to expedite agent recruiting and assessment through ZRELOPE and agent spotters.

(2) In cooperation with WE-3, we are endeavoring to obtain a statement of general procedure to be followed for recruiting in France. ☐ ☐, QKEROIL employee assigned to ZRELOPE, is proceeding to France on 15 April on a spotting mission. His activity is to be coordinated with the ☐ ☐ office and with ☐ ☐.

(3) In view of the number of Greek-Rumanians repatriated to Greece within the past months and the proposed visit of the ZRELOPE mobile assessment team to Greece, headquarters is recommending to ☐ ☐ senior operations officer in ☐ ☐, that he proceed to Greece in order to assist in a thorough evaluation of the agent potential.

(4) The feasibility of forming operations around selected emigres is under consideration. One such Rumanian has been interviewed by a member of the QKEROIL staff and has indicated a desire to return to Rumania and a knowledge of others so interested. This emigre, after clearance, will be approached with the proposition of selecting three or four men, undergoing agent training, and being infiltrated into Rumania.

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(5) A covert consultant is preparing a plan for establishing an Employment and Aid Bureau for Rumanian Refugees which will attract applicants who can be assessed, obviating the necessity of recruiting agents through any of the existing political groups. If this proves feasible, it will provide a spotting mechanism in addition to that of ZERLOPE.

b. Training - Germany. The QKEROIL training staff of three, two PW instructors and one W/T instructor, will be increased in May by the addition of two interpreter-handlers and also an assistant with a knowledge of the Rumanian language.

c. Psychological Warfare. The problem of cover in Athens for the indigenous personnel of the PW staff is being held in abeyance by the Chief, [] as he has indicated opposition to the initiation of black broadcasts prior to agent infiltration. Our position is that it is essential to prepare the Rumanian people before sending in agents. Two Rumanian-speaking staff officers will be available for overseas c/a 15 May. Three indigenous PW personnel have been employed and a number of others are cleared or are in process. We are pressing for Turkish approval of a broadcast site in Istanbul, but do not desire to delay broadcasts until that time. Commo Division has been requested to furnish a plan for establishing a propaganda broadcast station in Turkey.

d. Negotiations with the Turks for establishment of a full operational base in Istanbul are proceeding with the Turkish General Staff rather than the Intelligence Service. It is hoped that this change will provide a more secure and efficient working relationship. Staff and contract personnel are available for dispatch to Istanbul to arrange for training, holding, and broadcasting areas.

e. In order to obtain more cooperation and assistance from the Rumanian refugees, a definite policy should be formulated by CIA, coordinated with State and NCPS, and interpreted alike by all three agencies. QKEROIL should designate one officer to work full time with the refugees to continue to strive for a unified organization.

5. Summary. Development of the QKEROIL project has been accomplished gradually and with due care to profit by our own experiences and those of other projects. In practice the time table established in the project outline has been revised in order to start operations on a firm basis, with fully qualified personnel,

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and with missions in keeping with the situation and our capabilities. A review and reassessment of the project outline in light of current progress and knowledge of the situation will be completed o/a 30 April.

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Chief, SE/PC-5

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Deadline
11
11 *April*
3 April 1952

1. What are our current - today - this year goals in SE (within our capabilities).
2. What do we have to accomplish these goals.
 - a. Staff personnel
 - b. Contract personnel
 - c. Physical facilities
 - d. Agents under our control
 - e. Agent potential
 - f. etc
3. What steps do we now take to accomplish these goals.

Comment: Let's be most specific.